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To: Lower Snake River Study, ArmyCorp of Eng., WW Dist., 210 N 3rd Ave., WW 99362

Dear sirs:

First let me state that my wife and I are totally against taking the dams of the lower Snake out or breaching them in any manner.

The dams have served us well this 25/30 years or so. Just because we see a decline in the fish runs in the river is no reason to hit the panic button. According to things I read we are also experiencing fish declines in rivers with no dams.

Some years back, in the 30s a group of people including my parents made a decision to install dams on the Snake and Columbia Rivers, as the benefits of the dams was much more then the downside part of the equation. Remember, if we had not had the quantity of electricity during WW II for the airplane manufactures in Seattle the outcome of the war might have been different.

Ocean temps and endangered species eating the small fish are a real problem and I do not hear us doing anything about thosetwo issues. Also foreign fishing in the ocean waters has to make a difference also.

Indian nets across the rivers are surely doing no good, what are we doing about them? Indians selling salmon for 50¢ a pound is not helping matters a whole lot either.

The "Greenies", "Tree Huggers", the Environmentalists (sp) that have no idea of the problem, could care less about the real problem, and voice their opinions in the NY Times, are not the type of people we want making these types of critical decisions...We want the thinking folks that care not only about the salmon/fish recovery, but also about the real benefits of the dams ie river transportation, clean electrical power, flood control, etc, ect.

Please remember, this decision should not be a vote of the people that write in one way or the other. This decision should be made with real science and thoughts

What seems so stange to me and others is the fact that every restaurant you go into and every super market you enter has salmon on the menu. Why is this? Makes me think that Clinton/Gore/Babbitt have a plan to take down dams at any cost!! I also realize the "top people" in the Corp are political, makes one wonder, doesn't it?????

Very truly yours,

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